

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 28, 2014
Oliver Administration Building**

A special meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, July 28, 2014, at the Oliver Administration Building, 151 State Street, Bristol, RI. Chairman Silva called the meeting to order at approximately 7:16 PM.

Present: Paul Silva, Chairman; John Bento, Vice-Chairman; Karen Lynch, Secretary; Susan Rancourt, Treasurer; Diana Campbell, Marjorie McBride, William O'Dell, John Saviano, Lynn Wainwright, Diane Sanna, Assistant Superintendent; Pauline Silva, Director of Finance and Administration and George Simmons

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ISSUES:

Recommendation #S2014-43: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, approve the development and solicitation of an RFP that addresses a comprehensive field design plan for MHHS.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to approve the development and solicitation of an RFP that addresses a comprehensive field design plan for MHHS; seconded by Mrs. Wainwright.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Silva stated that the purpose of the RFP is to make a determination on how much of the proposed work to the MHHS fields can be completed with the grant amount of \$800,000, and to ensure utilization of the designer's plan as closely as possible. The RFP should also include a request for timeline, phasing and scheduling details.

RIDE requires that a third party commissioning agent be involved in the project. Pauline S. stated that UCOA will track the funds spent for the MHHS field design project.

Chairman Silva stated it is important to ensure that the grounds are not left unusable for a long period of time.

The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation #S2014-44: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, approve the KMS Auditorium Ceiling work schematic recommended by SMMA.

Mrs. Silva reviewed SMMA's three proposed design plans and the

rationale for each. Budget amounts and corresponding work were also discussed. Details were given on SMMA's recommended option B2 including an explanation of the alternate "add-on" choices. Questions were asked and answered.

Mrs. Silva stated that money for the KMS ceiling work will come from Capital Projects with 76% reimbursement coming from RIDE. SMMA's recommendation for Option B2 is the cheaper of the three design plans offering better acoustics for the space.

A lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of the project ensued.

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell made a motion to accept SMMA's recommended bid, Option B2, and to include Alternate 3 which provides light and sound control in the mechanical room and replaces the HVAC system totaling \$920,743; seconded by Mrs. Wainwright.

The motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation #S2014-45: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, approve the Solar for Schools Grant Proposal.

MOTION: Mrs. Campbell made a motion to approve the Solar for

Schools Grant Proposal; seconded by Mrs. Rancourt.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Simmons spoke with colleagues who have knowledge of NPTRE Newport Renewables. The only information he could garner about the company is that they are reputable in obtaining grants. Chairman Silva would like to see more details about how NPTRE calculated the cost savings.

All present agreed that the use of renewable energy is beneficial. Mrs. Silva reminded everyone of the \$100,000 cost savings the District has enjoyed since switching over to LED lighting.

Pros and cons of the Solar for Schools Grant proposal were weighed.

The motion did not pass with a 0-8 vote. Mr. Bento, Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Rancourt, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. McBride, Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Saviano and Mrs. Wainwright dissented.

Recommendation #S2014-46: That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and supported by the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee, approve the purchase of a replacement pump for MHHS.

MOTION: Mrs. McBride made a motion to approve the purchase of a replacement pump for MHHS and for the work to be completed to repair damage caused by the malfunctioning pump; seconded by Mr.

Saviano.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Saviano asked Mr. Simmons if he believes it is wise to use Home & Commercial to complete the repair work at MHHS caused by the damage of the malfunctioning pump rather than soliciting bids. Mr. Simmons responded that he is concerned about the timing of the project as it relates to the commencement of the 2014-2015 school year. The Fire Marshall has also mandated that a working pump be in place prior to the beginning of the school year. Mr. Simmons added that he has negotiated with Rhode Island InterLocal Trust, the District's insurance carrier, to bring everything up to code in the area of the repair work and pump. Mr. Simmons stated that Home & Commercial is the inspection company used by the District to inspect the building sprinkler systems.

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:06 PM

MOTION: There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Saviano motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM; seconded by Mr. O'Dell. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Lynch, Secretary

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